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AFLACA J&R delegates	Barbara Try (voting) and Colin Wright (non-voting)

**COUNCIL MEETINGS****Visitors welcome to attend**

EXECUTIVE meet monthly, fourth Wednesday of the month, 1pm, at Clubrooms, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, 73 Fullager Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: October 27—2021 at 1pm via Zoom (we think)**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Hi everyone, still looking for an editor for this newsletter. It is not an arduous task so if you can help it would be wonderful.

Please contact Barbara Try on 0417676435.

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**Post :** Gem & Lapidary Council NSW, PO Box 188, Orange NSW, 2800

**Meeting rooms:** Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club,  
73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

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### DEADLINES:

Third Wednesday of the month—a few days grace is allowed.

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**Message from the President**

I think the end of the lockdown is getting closer. There is a glimmer of hope at the end of the tunnel. Some of the regional Clubs will be now available to open up but again it is under strict COVID –19 rules. For the Metropolitan area (Greater Sydney) we are still waiting until we hit the 70% double vaccination—from there we are not sure what happens.

The judging for the GEMKHANA 2021 has now been completed and it took longer than it normally would because everything had to be posted to the judges and then back again. The results are being published in this edition of the newsletter and on the G & L Council website along with pictures.

Stay safe and stay well so that we can see you next year at the Mudgee GEMBOREE 2022.

Barbara Try

President

**Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 22 September 2021**

Via Zoom Meeting

**The meeting** was opened at 1:00pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Orange (Kathy Selwood) Port Hacking (Bob McLean), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), AFG (Col Wright). Western Suburbs (Ainslie Flynn), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Port Hacking (Tony Offord), Parramatta/Holroyd (John Behrens),

**Apologies:** Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane & Kim Cooke),

**Moved:** AFG, **Seconded:** Western Suburbs that apologies be accepted.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 25 August 2021**

Moved Central Coast, *seconded*, Port Hacking that the minutes be accepted, with one amendment

Jill Taylor's daughter –will give a brief presentation about her dad and his involvement in Lapidary at Presentation Dinner, and will write an article for the newsletter as well.

**Business Arising:**

1/ Trailer break away braking system John Behrens still, waiting for lock down to lift.

**Moved** Illawarra **seconded:** Parramatta/Holroyd that Business arising from minutes be approved.

**Correspondence:** See attached list, extras since emailing – Taslap

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

1/ Websters Assoc liability & public liability renewal invoices paid, will ask for Public Liability certificate.

2/ Club membership runs out 1 April of each year. Invoices to be sent December reminder to those not paid March.

3/ information on minerals and rocks and shows from other states or just shows with in NSW, non-member clubs, to be put in event calendar showing contacts

**Moved** Orange **seconded** Port Hacking, that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General a/c:	Inc \$2,000.00	Exp \$2682.81	Bal at 22/09/2021	\$1,280.47
GEMKHANA a/c:	Inc \$56.00	Exp \$1,429.00	Bal at 22/09/2021	\$3,570.93
GEMBOREE a/c:	Inc \$222.00	Exp \$2,455.50	Bal at 22/09/2021	\$7,879.27

**Accounts for payment:**

Postage for GEMKHANA entries \$39.00

**Moved** Port Hacking **seconded**, Goulburn that the report be accepted.

**J&R Report:**

1/ judging course for cabs waiting for COVID lock down to finish

2/ GEMKHANA judging completed announcements to be made 25 September on the G & L Council website.

**Webmaster:** No report.

**G&L NEWS Editor:** Still need an Editor

**Education Report:** Classes to wait till 2022 when clubs are up and running

**Social Media:** No report.

**Mail Person:** \$72.80 postage and stamps

**GEMKHANA**

1/ 132 competition entries received, thank you to judges, Barb & Tony and Colin

**GEMBOREE: Mudjee 2022.**

Event insurance to be arranged 2021

Paperwork on web for Mudjee now events assistance grants - Oct – Kathy, Bob & Col

Club Champion Trophy – Ray Powell to be posted

Flyer & posters will be sent out when lock down is off.

Jill Taylor's daughter –**will give** a brief presentation about her dad and his involvement in Lapidary at Presentation Dinner, **and will** write an article for the newsletter **as well**.

Badges & medallions approved, the quote from Burtons accepted.

Tasmania has requested booklets be sent to them. This has been done.

Reports to be accepted moved: Parramatta/Holroyd Seconded: Western Suburbs

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1/Nil

**Meeting closed:** 1.34pm

**Next meeting:** 27 October, Zoom meeting at this stage.

**Meeting dates for 2020:** 24 November, 8 December & AGM



## **58th GEMBOREE 2022**

***At Mudgee's Australian Rural Education  
Centre, 267 Ulan Road, Bombira***

***Easter 15th to 18th April 2022***

*The GEMBOREE is only 6 months away and if you need accommodation in Mudgee, you will need to book it now or you will miss out. There are plenty of powered sites at the AREC so please get your registration form completed and sent through to the GEMBOREE 2022 Registrar, PO Box 117, Corrimall NSW 2518.*

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# Section Results - GEMKHANA® 2021

## Award Winners

### O.1A.1 Std Cabochon - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
=1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	17	100.00
=1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	18	100.00
2nd	Bob Mc Lean	Port Hacking	48	99.83
3rd	Wenshuai Tan	Nth Dist NSW	39	99.80
H/C	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	66	99.72

### N.1A.3 Std Cabochon - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Gillian Howard	Goulburn	8	72.00
2nd	Hugh Juchau	Orange	55	70.00
=3rd	Gillian Howard	Goulburn	7	68.00
=3rd	Tony Offord	Port Hacking	45	68.00
H/C	Tony Offord	Port Hacking	46	66.50

### J.1A.4 Std Cabochon - Crafts - Junior

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Lily Holgate	Goulburn	6	63.50

### O.1A.5 Std Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	20	95.75
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	19	94.00
3rd	Bob Mc Lean	Port Hacking	50	87.30
H/C	Liz Weatherburn	Lismore	12	79.48

### O.1B.1 Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	21	90.75
2nd	Martin Stoeckl	Parramatta	121	80.85

### O.1B.5 Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	22	99.72
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	23	99.68
3rd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	68	89.30
H/C	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	104	88.18

### I.1B.6 Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Liz Weatherburn	Lismore	13	72.10

### O.2A.1 Double Std Cab - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Wenshuai Tan	Nth Dist NSW	40	99.70
=2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	24	96.70
=2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	25	96.70
=2nd	Martin Stoeckl	Parramatta	124	96.70
3rd	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	118	95.00
H/C	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	70	94.00

### N.2A.3 Double Std Cab - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
H/C	Hugh Juchau	Orange	57	60.50

### O.2B.1 Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	26	99.90
2nd	Martin Stoeckl	Parramatta	126	93.00
3rd	Martin Stoeckl	Parramatta	125	87.50

**O.3.1 Free Form - Crafts - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	28	96.35
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	27	95.75
3rd	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	106	95.25
H/C	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	71	94.45

**N.3.3 Free Form - Crafts - Novice**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Gillian Howard	Goulburn	9	91.00

**O.3.5 Free Form - Solid Opal - Crafts - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	74	96.35
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	29	95.90
3rd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	73	95.10
H/C	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	30	93.75

**N.3.6 Free Form - Solid Opal - Crafts - Novice**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Sue O'Neil	Goulburn	3	91.50
2nd	Tony Offord	Port Hacking	47	74.50

**O.4A Opal Doublet - Flat Top - Crafts - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	76	98.20

**O.4B Opal Doublet - Domed Top - Crafts - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	78	96.70

**O.5A.1 Carving - Fully 3-Dimensional - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Michael Burgess	No Club	109	98.95

**O.5B.1 Carving - In Relief - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Kathy Selwood	Orange	15	98.75
2nd	Doreen Howitt	Central Coast	116	85.75

**O.5E.1 Carving not otherwise specified - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Kathy Selwood	Orange	16	98.92

**N.8B.3 Standard Round Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Novice**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Dennis Hart	Illawarra Lapidary	110	95.03
2nd	Warren Rayner	Port Hacking	64	74.11

**O.9B.1 Standard Square Step Cut - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Bob Mc Lean	Port Hacking	52	100.00

**N.9B.3 Standard Square Step Cut - Novice**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Warren Rayner	Port Hacking	65	83.63
2nd	Cathy Fisher	Port Hacking	119	71.56

**I.10.4 Mod. Std. Cut - Mixed Cut - Intermediate**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Cathy Fisher	Port Hacking	120	72.89

**O.11.1 Fancy Cut - Robin - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Bob Mc Lean	Port Hacking	54	100.00

**N.11.3 Fancy Cut - Old Mine Barion - Novice**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Dennis Hart	Illawarra Lapidary	112	69.50

**O.12A.1 Tumbled Stones - Preformed Shape - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	79	96.17
2nd	Martin Stoeckl	Parramatta	132	88.25
3rd	Martin Stoeckl	Parramatta	131	87.41
H/C	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	80	84.75

**N.12A.2 Tumbled Stones - Preformed Shape - Novice**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Hugh Juchau	Orange	60	85.37

**O.13.1 Polished Face - Flat Surface - Crafts - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	81	93.30
2nd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	82	92.00
3rd	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	108	90.60

**N.13.2 Polished Face - Flat Surface - Crafts - Novice**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Hugh Juchau	Orange	62	84.00

**N.14.2 Polished Face - Curved Surface - A/Appeal - Novice**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Sue O'Neil	Goulburn	4	81.28

**O.18A.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	83	89.50

**O.18B.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	32	94.25
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	33	92.25
3rd	Doreen Howitt	Central Coast	113	82.20

**O.18E.1 Wire Wrapped Jewellery - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	35	94.95
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	34	94.00
3rd	Wenshuai Tan	Nth Dist NSW	44	87.90
H/C	Wenshuai Tan	Nth Dist NSW	43	87.20

**O.19A.1 Cast Jewellery - Entrant Pattern - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Doreen Howitt	Central Coast	115	90.80

**O.19E.1 Metal Clay Jewellery - Entrant Pattern - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	86	91.65

**O.20A.1 Cast Jewellery - Natural Pattern - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	87	92.25

**O.20E.1 Metal Clay Jewellery - Natural Pattern - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	89	93.05

**O.21G.1 Metal Clay Jewellery - Commercial Pattern - Open**

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	91	88.90

<b><u>O.24A.1</u></b>	<b>Enamelled Jewellery - Open</b>			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	94	90.45
<b><u>O.25.1</u></b>	<b>Commercial Mount Jewellery - Open</b>			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	36	95.95
2nd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	95	93.90
3rd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	96	87.25
<b><u>N.25.3</u></b>	<b>Commercial Mount Jewellery - Novice</b>			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Wenshuai Tan	Nth Dist NSW	42	93.35
<b><u>O.26A.1</u></b>	<b>Enamelled Jewellery - Open</b>			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	98	93.40
<b><u>O.26B.1</u></b>	<b>Enamelled Jewellery - Open</b>			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	100	91.30
<b><u>O.26C.1</u></b>	<b>Enamelling - Open</b>			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	102	92.25

## An Important Message From the Competition Committee!

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions in place, this competition has been limited to "Judged before Show" Sections only! Therefore, any Sections listed in the Competition Schedule as "Judged at Show" will not appear in these Competition Results. The exception to the above was the Carving as these entries were posted and have been judged.

Entries verified with AFLACA Winners list dated 20/04/2021

We would like to thank all of our Competitors and our Judges for their continued efforts to ensure that this competition remains a success.

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*Next Year's GEMKHANA will be held on  
24 & 25 September 2022 at  
Hawkesbury Showground - Clarendon*

“S” is for **Sapphire**

**Sapphire** is one of the two gem-varieties of corundum - the other being ruby (defined as corundum in a shade of red). Although blue is the best-known **Sapphire** colour, they occur in other colours, including grey and black, and they can be colourless. A pinkish orange variety of Sapphire is called Padparadscha.

The most valuable colour of **Sapphire** is a **Cornflower Blue Sapphire** also often called a **Kashmire Sapphire**. Another extremely valuable **Sapphire** form is the very rare, orange-pink colour. An exotic type of **Sapphire**, known as **Colour Changing Sapphire** displays a different colour depending on its lighting. In natural light, **Colour Changing Sapphire** is blue, but in artificial light, it is violet. (This effect is the same phenomenon well-known in the gemstone Alexandrite). Yellow and pink Sapphire have recently become very popular, and are now often seen in jewellery.

Every **Sapphire** mine produces a wide range of quality, and origin is not a guarantee of quality. For **Sapphire**, Kashmir receives the highest premium, although Burma, Sri Lanka, and Madagascar also produce large quantities of fine quality gems. **Sapphires** in colours other than blue are called "fancy" or "parti-coloured" **Sapphires**.

Fancy **Sapphires** are often found in yellow, orange, green, brown, purple and violet hues.

Particoloured **Sapphires** are those stones which exhibit two or more colours within a single stone. Australia is the largest source of particoloured **Sapphires**; they are not commonly used in mainstream jewellery and remain relatively unknown. Particoloured **Sapphires** cannot be created synthetically and only occur naturally<sup>1</sup> Colourless **Sapphires** have historically been used as diamond substitutes in jewellery.

In Australia, **Sapphire** is found in a number of east coast localities, from north Queensland to north-east Tasmania. The largest and most economic deposits are found in the New England area, New South Wales, around Inverell and Glen Innes, and in central Queensland, around Anakie and Rubyvale.

Gold mining efforts revealed the first instance of discovering **Sapphires** in Australia. In 1851, a report was issued of finding **Sapphires** during gold mining on the Cudgegong and Macquarie rivers in New South Wales. Other major discoveries followed in 1854 and 1875, pushing the development of a **Sapphire** mining industry further.

The typical Australian **Sapphire** is dark blue in colour with a strong green *dichroism*, and *colour zoning*. The most famous types of stones coming from Australia are parti-coloured. These stones contain a mix of green, blue, and yellow, Current information leading into 2020 shows Australian **Sapphires** account for over 70% of the global blue **Sapphire** production, and demand for them is only increasing. Global jewellery brands have turned to Australian **Sapphires** to meet their commercial needs

Tony Try

[Information taken from a variety of sources]

## CLUB NEWS

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As we go to press there is very little happening in our Clubs at the present time.

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### **Trophy Results - GEMKHANA® 2021**

#### ***Gem & Lapidary Council NSW Trophy***

**Novice - Standard Cabochon**

**Winner** Gillian Howard                      Goulburn

#### ***Gem & Lapidary Council NSW Trophy***

**Open - Polished Face - Flat Surface**

**Winner** Barbara Try                              Nth Dist NSW

#### ***Joan Ball Trophy (Enamelled Jewellery)***

**Open - Enamelled Jewellery without Mount**

**Winner** Barbara Try                              Nth Dist NSW

#### ***The Alan Coulton Trophy***

**Open - Cast Jewellery using Natural Objects**

**Winner** Barbara Try                              Nth Dist NSW

#### ***The Boris Novic Trophy***

**Open - Double Standard Cabochon C/S**

**Winner** Wenshuai Tan                              Nth Dist NSW

#### ***The Dick Moppett Trophy (Novice)***

**Novice - Champion Facetor**

**Winner** Warren Rayner                              Port Hacking

#### ***The Frank Lander Trophy***

**Most Successful Competitor**

**Winner** Barbara Try                              Nth Dist NSW

#### ***The Frank Hall Trophy***

**Most Successful Club**

**Winner** Northern Districts Lapidary Club

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## EVENTS

**General information on which events are going ahead and which have been cancelled, can be found on the following link:**

<https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events/>

***PLEASE CHECK WITH VENUE // CLUB BEFORE GOING. AS SHOWS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19***

- ◇ **22 October** —“The Science of Opal Formation” hosted by The Australian Opal Centre. This half day forum conducted via zoom, to register visit <https://bit.ly/3BCTeGw>. Nominal fee \$15.
- ◇ **30th & 31st October** Canberra Spring Gem Show. **MAY BE CANCELLED DECISION PENDING**, EPIC Canberra Act— For further info contact Convener Norm Menadue (02) 6258 6631
- ◇ **13th & 14th November** Newcastle Gem & Jewellery Fair. PCYC Newcastle
- ◇ **13th & 14th November** Hornsby Crystal, Mineral, Fossil & Craft Festival, Hornsby Memorial Hall
- ◇ **27th & 28th November** Carlingford Gem & Mineral Expo. Roselea Community Centre.